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ARNOLD.—Can any reader inform me of the parentage of General Benedict Arnold's mother? She was, I believe, a widow when she married Captain Benedict Arnold, of Norwich,—a Mrs. King, *née* Waterman.

MRS. P. A. F. STEPHENSON.

43 BRYANSTON SQUARE, LONDON W., ENGLAND.

THOMAS—DEAN.—Information is wanted of Thomas Thomas, of Southwark, and Mary Dean, of Blockley, Philadelphia, who were married December 31, 1772, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Witnesses, Martha Thomas, John Evans, and Elizabeth Jones.

MONTGOMERY.—Information is requested of the name, date of birth, and place of residence of the father of Captain Samuel Montgomery, of the Pennsylvania Line, a citizen of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, who married Elizabeth McElroy.

BESSIE M. JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Book Notices.

THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. By Sydney George Fisher. Philadelphia. J. B. Lippincott Co. 8vo. 437 pages. Illustrated. \$2.00 net.

Mr. Fisher prefaces his work by asserting that the historians do not tell the whole history of the Revolution, and that they assume that we do not want to know about the controversy, or that it would be better for us not to know about it. He believes they are wrong and that we do prefer to know the truth. In tracing the Revolution from its first causes to the surrender at Yorktown, he claims to have used the authorities more frankly than has been their practice, and the natural result is that he will create violent discussion and startle a great many patriotic people out of long-cherished beliefs, as well as shock many whose ancestors appear in unflattering guise. The chapters on General Howe are an interesting study of the man and the soldier, and will receive the consideration they deserve. The book is a sweeping and caustic protest against the practice of historians giving what the author claims to be false pictures of the Revolution; but the Revolution is to be judged by its results, and history justifies the belief that failure was impossible. Mr. Fisher's book is very interesting in whatever aspect it is taken.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. By Dr. Herman V. Ames and Dr. Albert E. McKinley. Washington, D.C. 1902. 115 pp.

This report, issued by the American Historical Association, is based upon the investigation of the various city and county offices and the five principal libraries of Philadelphia. It covers three important epochs in the history of city and county: first, the Colonial and Revolutionary period, 1682 to 1789; second, the period from 1789 to 1854; and, third, the period since Consolidation, 1854, to the present time. The publication is a timely and valuable one, and the compilers must be congratulated on the thoroughness of their work.

THE JOURNAL OF THE REVEREND SILAS CONSTANT, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Yorktown, New York, with some of the Records of the Church and a List of his Marriages, 1784-1825, together with Notes on the Nelson, Van Cortlandt, Warren, and some other Families mentioned in the Journal. By Emily Warren Roebling. Printed for private circulation, 1903. 4to. 561 pages.

The journal of the Rev. Mr. Constant, which covers a period of about twenty years of his life of patient toil in the ministry, in a section of the State of New York deficient in public records of marriages and deaths, contains a mine of names and dates which, by its publication through the liberality of Mrs. Roebling, is made accessible to descendants and others. The notes on the Nelson, Van Cortlandt, and Warren families, and the sketch of the life and services of that brave and energetic officer of the Civil War, Major-General Gouverneur K. Warren, are valuable additions. The annotations and genealogical data were prepared by the editor, J. Granville Leach, LL.B., who has made a special study of his subjects. The extraordinary good taste, the excellent printing and paper, the number and beauty of the full-page photogravures and other illustrations, and the specially designed head- and tail-pieces, as shown in this volume, merit the highest praise.

SALLY WISTER'S JOURNAL. A True Narrative; being a Quaker Maiden's Account of her Experiences with Officers of the Continental Army, 1777-1778. Edited by Albert Cook Myers. 244 pages. Ferris & Leach, Publishers.

The journal of Miss Sally Wister has been printed several times, always, however, in abridged form; but Mr. Myers, in the volume under notice, has given it in its entirety, with many biographical and historical annotations that are helpful and interesting to the reader. The journalist, a Quaker maiden of Philadelphia, compelled to leave the city on the approach of the British army after the battle of Brandywine, found at the Foulke homestead, near Penllyn, what was hoped to be a secure temporary home beyond the operations of the contending armies. It was during her sojourn there that her personal experiences and the events transpiring around her were jotted down for her friend Deborah Norris, who subsequently became the wife of Dr. George Logan, of Stenton. Brimming over with spirit and frankness, the amusing scenes with the American officers who visited or were quartered at Foulke's, the glimpses of love-making, and the spirit of romance so apparent throughout, we feel regret that Miss Wister had not added many more pages to her journal. The volume is an excellent specimen of book-making, and the reproductions of portraits, manuscripts, relics, and views add much to its value and charm.